(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some issues were discussed in the meeting;

(d) whether some suggestions were made in the meeting;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to take some follow up action on the issues discussed as well as on suggestions given; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (g) The first meeting of the Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-Journalists Newspaper and News Agency Employees was held on the 3rd April, 1995. In the meeting, among other things, it was decided that Notices under Section 10(1) of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 will be issued in all languages in Newspapers before the 30th April, 1995. Action for issue of Notices has already been taken as copies of Notices have been sent to the D.A.V.P. with instructions to have them issued through Newspapers in all Scheduled languages before the 30th April, 95.

Gurupadaswamy Committee Recommendations on Child Labour

3187. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted the child Labour Cell, Child Labour Advisory Board and Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee as per the recommendations of the Gurupadaswamy Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the work undertaken by these bodies during each of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) (i) Child Labour Cell in the Ministry of Labour has been set up in 1979. The Cell is concerned with the formulation, coordination and implementation of policies and programmes for the welfare of working children. Under the National Child Labour Policy, 1987-Project Based Plan of Act, 9 National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) were under implementation in five States during 1993-94 covering 7000 children. Twelve National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) in 1994-95 are under implementation in eight States covering approximately 14,000 children. A major activity taken up under the NCLP is establishment of special schools to provide basic needs like non-formal education, vocational training, supplementary nutrition etc., to the children withdraw from employment.

The Child Labour Cell grants financial assistance to voluntary organisations to take up action-oriented projects for child labour. Voluntary agencies are being financially assisted to the extent of 75 per cent for taking up welfare projects for working children under a grant-in-aid scheme. During 1993-94, the Cell has rendered financial assistance to 6 projects of voluntary organisations. During 1994-95, financial assistance was given to 11 voluntary organisations in the field of child labour for implementation of continuing as well as new projects for the welfare of the working children, to provide non-formal education, supplementary nutrition, health care and vocational skill training.

(ii) The Child Labour Advisory Board was formed on 4.3.1981. The Board has been set up to review the implementation of the existing legislation administered by the Central Government, suggest legislative measures as

well as welfare measures for welfare of working children, recmomend industries and areas where there must be progressive elimination of child labour. The Child Labour Advisory Board in its meeting held on 19-4-93, inter alia, recommended evaluation of National Child Labour Projects, progressive elimination of child labour in States and also recommended initiation of efforts in Jaggampet in Andhra Pradesh and Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh to totally eliminate child labour in these two districts. The Child Labour Advisory Board was reconstituted on 2nd November, 1994.

(iii) The Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee has been constituted on 3-8.1987 under Section 5 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 to advise the Central Government for the purpose of addition of occupations/processes to the Schedule under Section 3 of the Act. On the basis of the Committee's recommendations, one occupation and seven processes have been added so far to the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulations) Act, 1986.

Funds for welfare of Beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh

3188. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how much amounts remained unspent in 1994-95 for the welfare of Beedi workers; and

(b) how much has been spent in Andhra Pradesh for welfare of Beedi workers in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Accounts for the financial year 1994-95 are yet to be closed.

(b) The requisite information is called for and will be laid on the table of the House on the receipt of the same.

Expert Committee under the Labour Ministry

3189. SHRI YERA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many Expert Committees are presently working under the Labour Ministry;

(b) what are the names of all such Expert Committees; and

(c) for what reasons such Expert Committees are appointed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to c). The Ministry of Labour has not appointed any Expert Committee. However, there are a number of Tripartite Committees constituted by this Ministry to review and make recommendations on issues relevant to labour.

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3190 **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में असंगठित महिला मजदूरों की राज्य-वार संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उनको संगठित करने और उनके जीवन स्तर को सुधारने के लिए कोई ठोस कदम उठाए हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो लाभ भोगी महिला मजदूरों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(घ) इसका तथ्य संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) (क) 1981 की जनगणना के अनुसार असंगठित श्रमिकों की राज्यवार संख्या दर्शाने वाला विवरण संलग्न है । (नीचे देखिए) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार कुल महिला श्रमिक 989,767,663 है । इसमें से अधिकांश महिलाएं ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों